

## State of New Mampshire

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCORD

January 11, 2002

Trial Attorney Renata Hesse Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice 601 D Street NW, Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney Hesse:

I am writing to you for the file on public comment in the case of U.S. v. Microsoff in support for the agreement.

I am concerned that the United States government is taking the antitrust legislation too far in this case. As a state representative, I am wary of government involvement in the marketplace. There is a fine line between regulating business and controlling it. That is why I believe that before the government's involvement increases anymore than it already has, I hope you will end it.

It's true that Microsoft is a large company, but its creativity and invention has worked to help businesses and individuals, not harm them. They are helping Americans to obtain knowledge and pursue their individual goals. This kind of ingenuity should be rewarded, not persecuted by the federal government.

2001 was a challenging year for all of us. I believe there are many urgent issues for the government and judicial system to focus on at this time. Productive companies such as Microsoft should not be one of these.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Chalbeck
State Representative
Rockingham District 8

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